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I, Prasad, that on 10/6/04, which is the date I am signing this certificate, this correspondence and all attachments mentioned are being deposited in the United States Postal Service as first class in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 dated September 20, 2004, applicant provisionally elects Species a-2/b-1/c-1 without traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that, at a minimum, claims 1-9, 12-15 and 18-35 are directed to the elected species and that, at a minimum, claims 1-6, 8, 12-14, 18-25 and 28-30 are generic.¹

Early and favorable consideration of the application are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

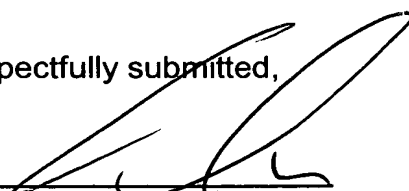
¹ Applicant respectfully submits that, although the claimed inventions are not limited to the illustrated embodiments, claims 1-6, 8, 12-14 and 18-21 are generic because the "open region that connects fuel reservoir to the reaction chamber" (see, e.g., claim 1) includes the volumes within the inlet line 108 and reaction chamber opening 186. If the opening 186 was closed, the fuel containing substance would not be able to enter the reaction chamber 104.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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